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KC MAN SENTENCED FOR TRANSPORTING STOLEN PROPERTY FROM WYANDOTTE COUNTY FAIR

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Kan., man was sentenced in federal court today for transporting a stolen safe and a pick-up truck from the Wyandotte County Fair.

Lafayette L. Brown, 47, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this afternoon to two years in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered **Brown** to pay \$18,803 in restitution to the Wyandotte County Fair Association.

On Jan. 8, 2004, **Brown** pleaded guilty to interstate transportation of stolen property. According to Graves, **Brown** transported a metal safe containing approximately \$18,803 and a 1991 Ford pick-up truck, both owned by the Wyandotte County Fair Association, across the state line from Kansas to Missouri between July 31 and Aug. 1, 2002. **Brown** knew the safe and truck were stolen, Graves said.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney K. Michael Warner. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo, Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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